

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Dulles

DATE: 24 January 1957

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FROM :

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 23 January 1957

1. I have drafted this resume on information supplied by Mr. Staats.

2. The Institute of Social Research/Indian Statistical Institute matter, mentioned to you by Mr. Staats, is being studied between NEA and the appropriate staffs. I told Mr. Staats he would have a reply shortly.

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PRESENT: Mr. Hoover, Mr. Herter, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Cutler,
Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hollister, Mr. Washburn,
Mr. Staats

1. Upper Nile

There was discussion concerning the relations of Sudan to the Egyptian problem. DCI said there are indications that the Sudanese want it understood that they are in no way tied in with Egypt.

2. Policy Regarding Near East

Mr. Cutler discussed the advisability of a NSC policy paper concerning the Near East crisis. Mr. Hoover indicated that the Secretary is opposed at this time to the development of such a paper. His views will be presented at the NSC meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Washburn questioned whether the US is doing all possible, from an information point of view, to support the President's program in the Near East. It was decided to ask Mr. Berry of the State Department to report at the next meeting on the activities of the interagency committee dealing with this subject.

3. Rochester Conference on High Energy Physics/Russian Exchanges

DCI discussed the desirability of inviting Russians to participate in the Rochester Conference and asked State's policy. Mr. Hoover replied that, in view of the Hungarian situation, State was opposed to any exchanges at this time.

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5. Announcement of 1957 Nevada Nuclear Tests

After consideration of Ambassador Lodge's reported views concerning the timing of this announcement, it was decided that it will be issued late January 24th for release in the morning newspapers of the 25th.

6. Austria Refugee Coordination

It was decided to amend the minutes of last week's Board meeting to reflect an agreement that the Senior Relief Officer in Vienna will operate under the Ambassador. There was also discussion as to who will be appointed to undertake this responsibility. Mr. Hollister indicated that General Hardy would be available for a brief assignment. The Bureau of the Budget has been given an assignment to study the interagency coordination aspects of the escapee program. Mr. Voorhees' report on this subject is due shortly.

7. SEATO

It was decided to appoint an OCB working group to study and recommend to the Board measures to further the objectives of paragraph 16 of NSC 5612/1, dealing with the development of the non-military aspects of SEATO. The general terms of reference of the committee will be included in the Board minutes of this date.

8. Arms Assistance for Burma

Mr. Robertson inquired whether, in view of the disappointing results of General Erskine's recent visit to the Far East, the State Department desired him to go to Burma in March. Mr. Hoover agreed to report.

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9. Civic Action Program in Laos

At the close of the meeting DCI presented a letter, originally addressed to the Deputy Director of ICA, dated January 23, 1957, recommending ICA support of the Civic Action Program in Laos and referred to Ambassador Parsons' telegram of January 8. Mr. Hollister expressed his appreciation of the letter.


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